THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVEOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Periodic inspections of schools are carried out to cover academic aspects, physical facilities and other problems in the schools. The Govt. of N.C.T. of Dehi has informed that no critical study of the functioning of the Govt. run schools has been made.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Plan for Hopes and Aspirations of Nation

2075. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan for the hopes and aspirations of the nation, vested in children, the future of India, on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of India's Independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Department of Women & Child Development, Government of India sponsored a National Children's Festival at New Delhi from 2nd to 10th October, 1997. The National Children's Festival was organised with a view to promote the full participation of children in the golden jubilee celebrations of India's Independence; pay tribute to freedom fighters and national leaders, to instill the vision of greatness cherished by our Founding Fathers, to inculcate a sense of self discipline to interaction, competition and integration; to provide a platform to children for mutual appreciation of India's great socio-cultural diversity, create an environment to strengthen the bonds of friendship and unity amongst children of different states and Union Territories; identify exceptional children in rural areas, urban slums and among children with disabilities in the areas of fine and performing arts, craft work, painting, vocal and instrumental music etc., including sensitising children on socially relevant issues, children representing 24 States/UTs. participated in the festivall.

As part of the Golden Jubilee anniversary celebrations, the Government has also launched the Balika Samriddhi Yojana, a Scheme to raise the status of the Girl Child.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Misbehaviour with Foreigners in Historical Monuments at Agra

2076. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the incidence of cases of organised theft, ticket resale, molestation and mis-behaviour with the foreigners in the historical monuments at Agra under the control of Archaeological Survey of India during the last four years;

(b) whether any decision has been taken to replace the then Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Agra Circle, Agra;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any high-level inquiry has been initiated to investigate the reasons for such Circle-office administrative lapse and fixing of responsibility;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise here.

(c) to (f) Question does not arise.

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा शोध सहयोगी और शोध वैज्ञानिक के पदों को समाप्त करना

2077. श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग ने विश्वविद्यालय व्यवस्था से शोध सहयोगी और शोध वैज्ञानिक के दो पदों को समाप्त करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) क्या इस कदम से विश्वविद्यालयों में अनुसंधान कार्य पर अत्यधिक प्रतिकूल असर पड़ेगा; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण और क्या औचित्य है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डॉ॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार आयोग ने 5-6 मार्च, 1998 को आयोजित अपनी बैठक में यह निर्णय लिया कि अनुसंधान एसोसिएटशिप और अनुसंधान वैज्ञानिकों की मौजूदा योजनाओं को वित्तीय संसाधनों के प्रतिबंधों के कारण नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक बंद किया जा सकता है। तथापि, इस योजना के अंतर्गत कार्य कर रहे मौजूदा अनुसंधान एसोसिएट्स को वर्तमान दिशा-निर्देशों के अंतर्गत निर्धारित की गई अवधि तक जारी रख सकते हैं। अनुसंधान एसोसिएटशिप्स और अनुसंधान साइंटिस्टशिप्स उत्तर डाक्टरल अनुसंधान कार्य करने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा प्रदान की जाती है।

(ख) और (ग) विश्वविद्यालय में अनुसंधान कार्य उपर्युक्त योजनाओं के बंद होने के कारण प्रभावित नहीं होगा क्योंकि आयोग देशभर में भारतीय विश्वविद्यालयों/संस्थाओं में अनुसंधान कार्य को पूरा करने के लिए विज्ञान, मानविकी, सामाजिक विज्ञान और इंजीनियरी तथा प्रौद्योगिकी में कनिष्ठ अनुसंधान शिक्षा-वृत्तियां प्रदान कर रहा है। इसके अलावा, प्रमुख अनुसंधान परियोजनाओं, विशेष सहायता कार्यक्रम और अन्य गुणवत्ता सुधार कार्यक्रमों की योजनाओं के संबंध में उनके संबंधित अनुदानों के अन्तर्गत अनुसंधान एसोसिएट्स की स्थितियां उपलब्ध होती रहेंगी। ये परियोजना की अवधि के लिए तद्‌थ संविदात्मक स्थितियां होगी। आयोग ने उच्च शिक्षा क्षेत्र में महिलाओं की भागेदारी को बढ़ाने के संबंध में नौवीं योजना में निहित नीति निर्णय के अनुसार नौवीं योजना के दौरान महिलाओं के लिए असंकाल्पिक अनुसंधान एसोसिएट्स की एक योजना भी अनुमोदित की है।

Increasing Child Prostitution in Country

2078. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete steps Government have taken or propose to take against the increasing child prostitution in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that in most of the cases girl child is lured of a job and brought from poverty-ridden areas; and

(c) if so, why has the Government failed to circulate/propagate a nationwide warning through radio, TV and mass media against the luring of jobs?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Government of India has constituted a Central Advisory Committee on Child Prostitution. The recommendations made by the Committee have been sent to the concerned Central Ministries/State Governments/UT Administrations for implementation. The State Governments/UT Administrations have also set up State Advisory Committees and are taking action to notify special police officers, set up Advisory Boards of Social Workers and NGOs in red light areas, conduct regular raids and take measures for protection and rehabilitation of rescued persons. The Government has constituted a Committee on Prostitution, Child Prostitution and Children of Prostitutes. The Committee has prepared a Report on the Nature of Commercial Sexual Exploitation, its situation, extent and magnitude. It also finalised a Plan of Action to combat trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. The State Governments and UT Administrations have been requested to implement the Plan of Action. The Plan of Action includes Action Points grouped under Prevention, Trafficking, Awareness Generation and Social Mobilisation, Health Care, Housing Shelter and Civic Amenities, Economic Empowerment, legal Reforms and Law Enforcement, Rescue and Rehaabilitation and Institutional Machinery.

(b) and (c) Poverty is one of the main causes for prostitution of children. Children & women are inducted forcibly through abduction, trafficking and deceit. Women who are in economic distress due to lack of livelihood are forced to become victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested to take up preventive steps and awareness generation and social mobilisation programmes including through the electronic and print media. In addition, Schemes for training, employment and income generation like IRDP, JRY, STEP, NORAD, SEP, RMK, TRYSEM, DWACRA are implemented to raise the economic status of women & families.

Rules of KVS for nomination to board of Governors

2079. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to an-